Electro-Sensors, Inc. Announces 2017 Year End Financial Results

Minnetonka, Minnesota (March 20, 2018) – Electro-Sensors, Inc. (NASDAQ: ELSE), a leading global provider of machine monitoring sensors and hazard monitoring systems, today announced financial results for the year ended December 31, 2017.

- Record revenue of \$7.8 million
- Revenue growth of 9.3% over 2016
- Gross margin of 54.8%
- Cash and investments of \$8.7 million

In thousands, except per share data

	F	FY17		Y16	Change
Net Sales	\$	7,840	\$	7,174	9.3 %
Gross Margin		54.8 %		54.1 %	70 bps
Operating Income	\$	410	\$	170	141.2 %
Operating Income Margin		5.2 %		2.3 %	290 bps
Income Before Income Taxes	\$	458	\$	204	124.5 %
Earning Per Share (diluted)	\$	0.09	\$	0.06	50.0 %

Net sales during 2017 increased 9.3% to \$7,840,000 from \$7,174,000 in the prior year. The increase was due primarily to an increase in strategic system orders during the second half of the year.

International markets provided approximately 10% of our 2017 revenue from shipments into over 40 countries. Our 2017 international business grew by 20.4% primarily due to increased sales to customers in Canada.

"We are pleased to report record annual revenue for 2017 driven by improved sales of both our HazardPRO wireless hazard monitoring systems as well as our legacy machine monitoring sensors and systems," said David L. Klenk, Electro-Sensors' president. "Moreover, the increased number of strategic system orders is a good indication that our customers are beginning to commit to larger facility upgrades and plant expansion projects."

A full analysis of results for the year ended December 31, 2017 is available in the Company's Form 10-K, which is available on the Company's website at <u>www.electro-sensors.com</u> or through the Securities and Exchange Commission's Edgar database at www.sec.gov.

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Electro-Sensors, Inc. Statements of Income For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands except share and per share amounts)

	Years Ended December 31,					
		2017		2016		
Sales	\$	7,840	\$	7,174		
Cost of goods sold		3,541		3,290		
Gross profit		4,299		3,884		
Operating expenses		3,889		3,714		
Operating income		410		170		
Non-operating income		48		34		
Income before income taxes		458		204		
Income taxes		163		2		
Net income	\$	295	\$	202		
Earnings per share – diluted Average shares outstanding - diluted	\$	0.09 3,401,017	\$	0.06 3,395,945		

Electro-Sensors, Inc. Balance Sheets December 31, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands)

	December 31				
		2017	2016		
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash and investments	\$	8,719	\$	8,267	
Trade receivables, net		902		770	
Inventories		1,552		1,515	
Other current assets		186		240	
Total current assets		11,359		10,792	
Deferred income tax asset		182		198	
Intangible assets, net		800		1,035	
Property and equipment, net		1,074		1,033	
Total assets	\$	13,415	\$	13,058	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity					
Current Liabilities					
Contingent earn-out	\$	150	\$	0	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		558		543	
Total current liabilities		708		543	
Long-term liabilities					
Other long-term liabilities		0		195	
Total long-term liabilities		0		195	
Stockholders' equity					
Common stock		339		339	
Additional paid-in capital		2,004		1,953	
Retained earnings		10,352		10,057	
Other comprehensive gain (loss)		12		(29)	
Total stockholders' equity		12,707		12,320	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	13,415	\$	13,058	

About Electro-Sensors

Electro-Sensors, Inc. is an industry leading designer and manufacturer of rugged and reliable machine monitoring sensors and hazard monitoring systems applied across multiple industries and applications. These products improve processes by protecting people, safeguarding systems, reducing downtime, and preventing waste. Most standard products ship within one to two days and have an industry-leading 5-year warranty. Electro-Sensors is proud to be an ISO9001:2015 quality certified company and is committed to providing excellent customer service and technical support. Founded in 1968 and located in Minnetonka, Minnesota, Electro-Sensors provides its loyal customers with reliable products that improve safety and help plants operate with greater efficiency, productivity and control.

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